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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVE

1. ON JUNE 17, EDWIN LUIDENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (EA) OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OVERSEAS MINISTRIES DIVISION, VISITED EMBASSY. HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY EFFORTS IN HERRERA CASE. HE THEN DISCUSSED GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

2. LUIDENS SAID HE HAD VISITED DAVAO, WHERE HE HAD TALKED TO

NYKNOLLERS, COTABATO AND ZAMBOANGA. LUIDENS ASKED OUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN SOUTH. EMBOFF BRIEFED HIM ALONG LINES OF MANILA 8837. LUIDENS ASKED WHETHER WE THOUGHT GOP WOULD "LAUNCH MASSIVE ANTI-CHURCH CAMPAIGN IF SITUATION IN SOUTH IMPROVES." EMBOFF THOUGHT THIS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, NOTING MARCOS AND CHURCH ESCHEW MASSIVE CONFRONTATION. EMBOFF OPINED, HOWEVER, MARCOS WOULD NEVER MISS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WHITTLE AWAY AT THE CHURCH WHERE HE COULD.

3. IN MANILA LUIDENS MET WITH SENATOR SALONGA AND MRS. AQUINO. HE SAID MRS. AQUINO WAS BEING "REALISTIC" ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S CASE.

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4. COMMENT: LUIDENS SAYS HE REMAINS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH EA/PHL. THIS WAS FIRST TIME HE HAD VISITED EMBASSY SINCE HE BAGAN COMING TO THE PHILIPPINES IN 1958. HE SUGGESTED HIS VISIT INDICATED HIS ORGANIZATION'S FAITH IN AND ENTHUSIASM FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT.
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